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SUBJECT: USE OF HANEDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR SPECIAL
MISSION AIRCRAFT

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED THE FULLEST COOPERATION OF FONOFF
IN OBTAINING VIRTUALLY LAST-MINUTE CLEARANCES FOR THE
LANDING OF SPECIAL FLIGHTS CARRYING SECRETARY SIMON'S
PARTY WHICH TRANSITED JAPAN ON SEPTEMBER 30 AND ON OCTOBER 6.
GOJ TAKES THE POSITION THAT SPECIAL MISSION FLIGHTS, I.E.,
USAF AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY USAF PERSONNEL ON MISSIONS IN
SUPPORT OF NON-MILITARY OFFICIALS, DO NOT COME UNDER US-
JAPAN SECURITY TREATY PROVISIONS AND SHOULD, THEREFORE, USE
HANEDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. TEN DAYS' ADVANCE NOTIFICATION
OF SUCH FLIGHTS IS REQUIRED; JAPANESE OFFICIALS FEEL THAT
ANY LESSER AMOUNT OF NOTIFICATION RESULTS IN REARRANGEMENT
OF HEAVY TRAFFIC SCHEDULES AND GREATLY INCREASES POTENTIAL
FOR AIR TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

2. DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING EARLIEST
POSSIBLE INFORMATION ON FUTURE SPECIAL MISSION FLIGHTS
SCHEDULED ARRIVE IN JAPAN EITHER IN TRANSIT OR FOR
TEMPORARY VISIT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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